

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Waiheke

Waiheke Local Board

He kōrero mai i te Heamana Message from the Chair

The Waiheke Local Board's key priorities for 2024/2025 are based on the new Local Board Plan 2023 which provides the vision and the framework for local board decisions.

Auckland Council's budget constraints will unfortunately impact on our ability to progress many of our planned capital budget projects. We will focus on improvements to Tawaipareira Reserve including a new flying fox and landscaping. We'll also be progressing a consent for a replacement Rakino Hall and carrying out minor facility renewals. Unfortunately our track renewals programme can't be funded this year.

The local board's operating discretionary budget remains stable so we can continue with the many valuable community initiatives we support. This includes volunteer work, arts and culture, recreation, events, youth outcomes and strategic housing initiatives.

In partnership with our community and businesses, and, as budgets allow, we will deliver actions within our local Climate Action Plan. We will continue water quality improvement initiatives and support Electric Island's advocacy for Waiheke to be fossil-fuel free by 2030. Ecological restoration and pest management continue to be priorities. We will progress reforestation programmes and collaborate to help regenerate the Hauraki Gulf.

Resiliency and connectedness are essential to support our community, economy and infrastructure. The board is working closely with Auckland Emergency Management to support our community to prepare for, and recover from, emergencies.

Waiheke's rich cultural history is paramount. We will continue to build the relationship with Ngāti Pāoa and work with other mana whenua to help support their aspirations.

Progressing the Mātiatia Strategic Plan in partnership with Ngāti Pāoa remains the top infrastructure priority. Whilst we are awaiting confirmation of Auckland Transport funding it is critical that budget constraints do not impact long-delayed progress. Our 10-year Transport Plan provides direction for ongoing delivery of safer quality roading, footpaths and a cycling network, recognising Waiheke's character and water management needs.

We will focus on initiatives that help build our agreed identity as a sanctuary in the Hauraki Gulf, including working with Tātaki Auckland Unlimited to finalise, [consult on](#), and implement a Waiheke Destination Management Plan that must support and help sustain our community, environment and economy, and recognise Waiheke as an arts and recreation destination.

We will continue to advocate to council's Governing Body and central government for affordable and equitable ferry services, relevant housing policies, and for protection of our soundscapes.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ngā mihi,



Cath Handley, Chair, Waiheke Local Board

Waiheke Local Board area

We are home to **100** parks and reserves, the Te Ara Hura **100** kilometre round-island walking track and the Whakanewha Regional Park with **270** hectares of bush, forest, beach and wetlands

More than **1 million** people visit Waiheke each year



LEGEND

-  Local board office
-  Public open space (Unitary Plan)
-  Arterial road
-  Medium road

Waiheke Island is **19km long** with a surface area of **92km²** and **133km** of coastline and is home to the **Te Matuku Marine Reserve**

A population of **9,162** with 13% of residents under 15 and 24% 65 years and over.



Data sources: Council Growth Scenario AGS23v1 (Feb 2024), StatsNZ Census 2023 (initial release May 2024)

Waiheke Local Board Plan 2023

The Waiheke Local Board Plan 2023 sets out the aspirations the local board has for the area. The outcomes in the Waiheke Local Board Plan are:

Ō Tātou Tāngata

Our People

Waiheke residents have a strong sense of identity, connectedness and wellbeing which is enhanced through active community participation.

Tō Tātou Taiao

Our Environment

We want to protect, maintain and enhance our unique islands' land, coastline, bush, wetland and marine environments for future generations.

Ō Tātou Waihanga me ō Tātou pākihi

Our Facilities and Open Spaces

Our parks, reserves and beaches are enjoyed, respected and actively cared for by residents and visitors. Our community, arts and cultural facilities are well used and accessible.

Ō Tātou Wāhi

Our Places

The special character and values of Waiheke and inner gulf islands are protected and enhanced in line with the draft Waiheke Area Plan and principles of Essentially Waiheke.

Tā Tātou Ōhanga

Our Economy

Our Waiheke community has a strong, independent, entrepreneurial spirit and our natural taonga are protected and support sustainability and appropriate economic activities.

The local board agreement outlined in this document reflects how we plan to support these outcomes through agreed activities in the 2024/2025 financial year. In addition, each local board carries out responsibilities delegated by the Governing Body in accordance with the delegated power, and with the general priorities and preferences in the local board plan.

Working with Māori

Delivering on Auckland Council's commitment to Māori at a local level is a priority for local boards. The council is committed to meeting its responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi / the Treaty of Waitangi and its broader statutory obligations to Māori.

To meet this commitment, the Waiheke Local Board Plan seeks to deliver outcomes for Māori. Initiatives that deliver Māori outcomes are those which support Māori identity and culture, advance Māori well-being and support Māori to participate in local decision-making as identified in the "Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau" framework. Examples of this include:

- Identifying opportunities to work together to build strong relationships with Mana Whenua and share information with Māori.
- Collaborating with iwi on initiatives that align with Māori aspirations such as environmental programmes and water quality projects.
- Working with mana whenua and mātāwaka to identify and respond to the needs and aspirations for local Māori with Māori-led initiatives that support social and economic outcomes.
- Encourage use of Mana Whenua design features in parks and facilities.
- Provide support for culturally significant events.

Waiheke Local Board Agreement 2024/2025

Planned operating and capital spend in 2024/2025

Key areas of spend	Community Services	Environmental Services	Planning Services	Governance	Total
Planned Operating Spend 2024/2025	\$5.0 million	\$174,000	\$5,000	\$906,000	\$6.1 million
Planned Capital Spend 2024/2025	\$1.1 million	-	-	-	\$1.1 million

Priorities by activity area

Auckland Council's 2024/2025 funding priorities for local activities which contribute to key community outcomes in the Waiheke Local Board area are set out below under each local activity.

Local Community Services

We support strong, diverse, and vibrant communities through libraries and literacy, arts and culture, parks, sport and recreation, and events delivered by a mix of council services, community group partnerships and volunteers.

Our annual budget to deliver these activities includes operating costs of \$5 million and capital investment of \$1.1 million.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2024/2025 include:

- delivering core council operational services, such as mowing, track and facility maintenance, and the library.
- initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience.
- commencing the growing stage of the Waiheke Ngahere (Forest) Strategy to enhance biodiversity, increase canopy cover and improve Waiheke Island's carbon footprint.
- supporting community-led programmes in areas such as housing, sustainability and youth.
- providing opportunities to experience local arts, culture and events.

The local community services and key initiatives outlined above contribute towards achieving the following outcome/s in the Waiheke Local Board Plan:

- Outcome One: Ō Tātou Tāngata - Our People
- Outcome Three: Ō Tātou Waihanga me ō Tātou pākihi - Our Facilities and Open Spaces
- Outcome Four: Ō Tātou Wāhi - Our Places
- Outcome Five: Tā Tātou Ōhanga - Our Economy

Levels of Service

We measure our performance against the following measures for each local priority. The level of service statement is in bold below.

Performance measure	Actual 2022/2023	Annual Plan Target 2023/2024	Long-term Plan Target 2024/2025
Enable a range of choices to access community services and recreation opportunities			
Number of visits to library facilities ¹	89,263	95,000	110,000
Percentage of time physical library services are accessible to the community	New Measure	New Measure	100%

Percentage of local community facility asset components that are not in poor or very poor condition	New Measure	New Measure	85%
Provide opportunities for communities to lead and deliver their own initiatives			
Number of partner organisations supported to sustain their governance capacity and capability	New Measure	New Measure	7
Number of partner organisations and groups funded to deliver placemaking activities	New Measure	New Measure	10
Provide urban green spaces (local parks, paths and Ngahere) and access to the coast			
Percentage of local parks, facilities and spaces meeting maintenance quality standards.	New Measure	New Measure	90%
Percentage of local open space asset components that are not in poor or very poor condition	New Measure	New Measure	98%
Number of trees planted in the Urban Ngahere programme	New Measure	New Measure	15

¹In July 2023, Waiheke library became an integrated customer service site with council and AT Hop services, which has increased visitation numbers at this facility, and the 2024/2025 target has been increased to reflect this change. There are no intended service level changes to libraries.

Local Planning and Development

Local planning and development include supporting local town centres and communities to thrive by developing town centre plans and development, supporting Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), and heritage plans and initiatives.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is \$5,000 to support the Community emergency resilience programme.

Levels of Service

There is no performance measure for this activity.

Local Environmental Management

We support healthy ecosystems and sustainability through local board-funded initiatives such as planting, pest control, stream and water quality enhancements, healthy homes, and waste minimisation projects.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is \$174,000.

The key initiatives we have planned for 2024/2025 include:

- programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment
- working with our community and businesses to progress actions within the Waiheke Island Climate Action Plan
- encouraging circular economy and the re-use of materials.

The local environmental management activity and key initiatives outlined above contribute towards achieving the following outcome/s in the Waiheke Local Board Plan:

- Outcome Two: Tō Tātou Taiao - Our Environment
- Outcome Three: Ō Tātou Waihanga me ō Tātou pākihi - Our Facilities and Open Spaces
- Outcome Four: Ō Tātou Wāhi - Our Places

Levels of Service

We measure our performance against the following measures for each local priority. The level of service statement is in bold below.

Performance measure	Actual 2022/2023	Annual Plan Target 2023/2024	Long-term Plan Target 2024/2025
Protect, improve and minimise risks to the natural environments and cultural heritage			
Number of participants in sustainable initiative programmes	New Measure	New Measure	185
Number of community groups supported in stream enhancement programmes*	New Measure	New Measure	1

*The local board supports community groups and individuals to enhance waterways within the Local Community Services activity which contributes to stream enhancement outcomes. These programmes are outside the scope of this performance measure.

Local Governance

Activities in this group support the local board to engage with and represent their communities and make decisions on local activities. This support includes providing strategic advice, leadership of the preparation of local board plans, support in developing local board agreements, community engagement including relationships with mana whenua and Māori communities, and democracy and administrative support.

Our annual operating budget to deliver these activities is \$906,000.

Levels of Service

We measure our performance against the following measures for each local priority. The level of service statement is in bold below.

Performance measure	Actual 2022/2023	Annual Plan Target 2023/2024	Long-term Plan Target 2024/2025
Respond to the needs and aspirations of mana whenua and Māori communities			
Number of local activities that deliver moderate to high outcomes for Māori as outlined in 'Kia Ora Tamaki Makaurau' (Council's Māori outcomes framework).	New measure	New measure	Set baseline

Funding Impact Statement

This prospective funding impact statement has been prepared to meet the requirements of Section 21(5) of the Local Government (Auckland Council) Act 2009. It covers the year from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 and outlines the council's sources of funding for local activities in this local board area and our plan to apply them.

\$000	Annual Plan 2023/2024	Long-term Plan 2024/2025
Financial year ending 30 June		
Sources of operating funding:		
General rates, UAGCs, rates penalties	7,041	7,166
Targeted rates	0	0
Subsidies and grants for operating purposes	2	2
Fees and charges	40	42
Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringement fees and other receipts	52	53
Total operating funding	7,135	7,263
Applications of operating funding:		
Payment to staff and suppliers	5,561	5,694
Finance costs	404	629
Internal charges and overheads applied	1,016	935
Other operating funding applications	0	0
Total applications of operating funding	6,982	7,258
Surplus (deficit) of operating funding	154	5
Sources of capital funding:		
Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure	0	0
Development and financial contributions	0	0
Increase (decrease) in debt	2,740	1,110
Gross proceeds from sale of assets	0	0
Lump sum contributions	0	0
Other dedicated capital funding	0	0
Total sources of capital funding	2,740	1,110
Application of capital funding:		
Capital expenditure:		
- to meet additional demand	254	132
- to improve the level of service	260	271
- to replace existing assets	2,380	712
Increase (decrease) in reserves	0	0
Increase (decrease) in investments	0	0
Total applications of capital funding	2,894	1,115
Surplus (deficit) of capital funding	(154)	(5)
Funding balance	0	0

Appendix A: Advocacy initiatives

A key role of the local board is to advocate for initiatives that the local board may not have decision-making responsibility or funding for but recognise the value it will add to the local community.

The key initiatives that the local board advocated for as part of the long-term plan were:

Initiative	Description
Equitable capital funding	<p>The budget proposed for Waiheke under the central proposal is inequitable and insufficient.</p> <p>The proposed budget provides no opportunity to maintain and develop amenities for our community or visitors in line with our agreed plans and strategies.</p> <p>There is a significant historic infrastructure and facilities deficit on Waiheke. The previous and proposed budgets are not sufficient for the council or the local board to address this in the future.</p> <p>Waiheke's significant track network should be recognised as a valuable regional recreational asset for our community and visitors.</p> <p>Deferring works now will lead to significant future cost and potential failure of the Te Ara Hura track network - a major visitor drawcard for the Auckland region and considered by many as New Zealand's next Great Walk.</p> <p>Rakino Hall also requires resolution. This has been a longstanding issue for the board and the removal of budgets after many years of prioritising local budgets, is frustrating.</p>
Increased decision-making	<p>Increased decision-making and Local Board ownership over all council owned and operated assets on Waiheke to facilitate future asset development and enhanced community facilities for the community.</p> <p>Waiheke has significant capital investment projects that can't be considered as there is no way for Waiheke to invest or rationalise our property portfolio. We are unable to invest in even basic assets for our community e.g. toilets.</p>
Stormwater management	<p>Implementation of effective flood control by use of nature-based solutions, proactive stormwater maintenance and necessary capital investment.</p>
Marine protection	<p>Working with relevant authorities, partners, and mana whenua to support the implementation of marine protection strategies, including Hākaimangō-Mātiatia and the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana Marine Protection Bill, and eliminate the exotic <i>Caulerpa</i> from the Hauraki Gulf.</p>
Retention of funding to deliver the Waiheke 10-year Transport Plan	<p>In line with the Waiheke 10-year Transport Plan and the Memorandum of Understanding with Auckland Transport, the board requests retention of funding to deliver safer quality roading, footpaths and a cycling network to a standard consistent with the rest of Auckland (taking into account Waiheke's character). This includes safe school travel networks. Effective water management using water sensitive design techniques to cope with road run-off are also essential. The board also seeks a review of the criteria for transport infrastructure investment to ensure it takes account of populations, which substantially fluctuate due to visitor numbers. Extension of the New Zealand Cycle Trail through Waiheke continues to be a future aspiration.</p>
Mātiatia Masterplan	<p>The board is progressing the development of a strategic plan for council-owned land at Mātiatia and requests that any future development is guided by this plan and appropriate funding is allocated within the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP) and continues to be allocated in the Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-2034 (RLTP), for both transport and non-transport infrastructure related priorities.</p>

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Initiative	Description
Including Waiheke ferry services within the Public Transport Operation Model (PTOM) or its successor – Sustainable Public Transport Framework (SPTF)	<p>Passenger ferry services from Mātiatia and Kennedy Point wharves need to be incorporated into the Public Transport Operation Model (PTOM) system to ensure resilience, equity and affordability. The matter is being actively pursued with the Governing Body, Auckland Transport and the Minister of Transport.</p> <p>Council agencies must support ferry service competition on routes by providing providing a level playing field across all dimensions within its control.</p>
Visitor Levy	<p>The board seeks the support from the Governing Body to implement a visitor levy to help fund the costs to the council of visitor impacts.</p>

Appendix B: How to contact your Local Board

Local boards have been established to enable local representation and decision-making on behalf of local communities. You are encouraged to contact your elected members to have your say on matters that are important to your community.



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